

SYMPOSIUM ON

Diet and Gene Interactions: *Equal Partners in Health?*

Genetic factors contribute to virtually every human disease by conferring susceptibility or resistance, affecting the severity or progression of disease, and interacting with environmental factors that modify disease course and expression. Much of the current biomedical research, in both the public and private sectors, is based upon the expectation that understanding the genetic basis of disease will revolutionize diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. Defining and understanding the role of genetic factors in disease will also allow the non-genetic, environmental contributions to disease be more clearly identified and understood. In the past, genetics and nutrition were considered two competing forces—nature versus nurture—in modulating the development of the individual.

While genes indicate susceptibility to chronic disease, it is the interaction of genes with nutrients, physical activity, and other environmental factors that determine overall health.

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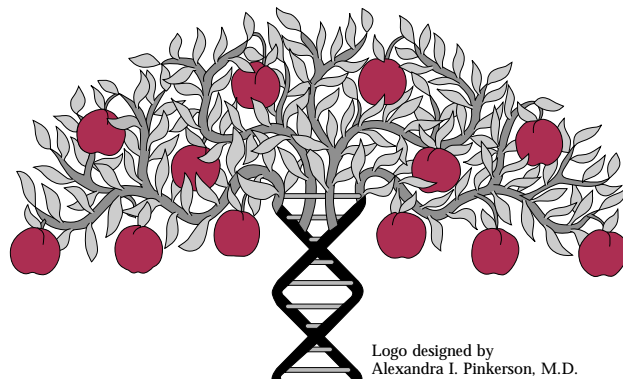
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